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Ms. Marsha Barnes
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Marsha:

I am enclosing copies of two estimates of the likely outcome of the elections in each constituency. One is ours, prepared last week; the other is that of the U.K. High Commission, using our rating system of one through three. While there are some differences between the two, we are in general agreement and are quite close on our totals for both parties.

Obviously, these are only our best estimates and have about the same value as a state-by-state prediction on the U.S. election by a major foreign embassy in Washington, D.C. As we get closer to the Jamaican elections, we will do our best to refine our estimate.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Bob Dubose.

Best regards,

John D. Forbes
Chief, Political Section

cc: Mr. Dubose

BCC: Mr. Haverkamp, DCM

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